

Carole Migden , California Board of Equalization



Carole Migden is Chairwoman of the California Board of Equalization (BOE), the nation's only publicly-elected tax commission. She is currently California's only female Constitutional officer.

Prior to her election to represent District 1 on the BOE, Chairwoman Migden represented San Francisco's 13th State Assembly District and served as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

In the State Assembly, Carole Migden served for five years as Chairwoman of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, which reviews all legislation that has a fiscal impact on the state. She was the first woman and the first freshman legislator to chair that committee. For four years, she also served as a conferee on the state's Joint Budget Conference Committee, which writes the final version of California's state budget.

As a legislator, Carole Migden authored legislation to create California's landmark domestic partner registry, promote children's health, preserve the old growth Headwaters Forest, increase accountability in K-12 schools, protect borrowers from predatory and deceptive lending practices, protect consumers from manipulation by energy generators, and promote the use of emergency contraception.



Governor signs AB25 Domestic Partner Legislation

Building upon her experience in the State Assembly, Chairwoman Migden has worked during her tenure at the BOE to modernize the state's outdated tax system and to manage taxpayers' money responsibly. Among her accomplishments at the BOE are strengthening domestic partners' property rights, leveling the playing field between Main Street and on-line retailers, protecting California's precious open space, and advocating for increased revenues to fund vital services by eliminating obsolete tax breaks.

Chairwoman Migden has received numerous awards for her service. *California Journal* named her among California's power elite of women elected officials and awarded her with their "Rookie of the Year" award in 1998, taking top honors in the categories of most integrity, most intelligence, hardest working, most ambitious, and most influential.



In 1999, she received "Legislator of the Year" honors from the California School Employees Association and in 2001 from the California National Organization for Women (NOW), as well as leadership awards from prominent environmental and civil rights organizations. She continues to receive high honors in *California Journal's* annual rankings, including "Quick Study" in 2002.

Prior to her election to the State Assembly in November 1996, Carole Migden served for five years as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She was chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party for eight years and is a longtime member of and current superdelegate of the Democratic National Committee.